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1. The Southern Rhodesian government and the Chrome Roads Association are jointly financing construction of a modern highway between the Great Dykes mining area and the nearest rail terminal at Maryland. The government so far has contributed US\$56 thousand to the project and the producers have matched this sum through a self-imposed levy on each ton of ore shipped.
2. French Equatorial Africa is progressing in developing a road network, particularly in the Moyen Congo. The road from Brazzaville to Kinkala is partly finished and that from Kinkala to Dolisie is being improved.
3. Some 25 km of the new Edea road in the French Cameroons have been asphalted. Meanwhile a new trail is being cut from Loun to N'Kongsambo and a new bridge is being constructed on the Womni River between Douala and Bonaberi. The bridge is being built for highway, rail and foot traffic with an overall width of more than 10 m.
4. The Mozambique director of public works has submitted a plan for construction of 5,280 km of highways and a number of bridges over a nine-year period. Cost is estimated at US\$22,400,000. An expenditure, meantime, of US\$140 thousand has been approved for grading and asphaltting part of the Lourenco Marques-Manhica road.

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